

# This Is Our Army



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**O**N these pages we present photos by soldiers, family members and civilians that depict the Army as it was in the months leading up to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the beginning of America's war on terrorism.

These images show an Army that, although at peace, was prepared for combat. It was participating in peacekeeping operations around the world and, at home, its members were sharing the special moments that filled their daily lives.

**Soldiers** proudly presents "This Is Our Army 2001." We salute the photographers who provided these images. Thank you all for taking the time to tell the Army story during this year of great changes and historic challenge.

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1 PFC Kontar Francis, a wire-systems installer with the 69th Sig. Co. at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., digs in during Exercise Grecian Firebolt. — SSG Tim Volkert

2 Soldiers of the 82nd Abn. Div. jump from a C-17 transport during a demonstration at Charleston AFB, S.C.— Senior Airman D. Myles Cullen, USAF

3 Soldiers of the 25th Inf. Div. prepare vehicles for sling load aboard Hawaii Army National Guard CH-47D Chinooks at Wheeler Army Airfield on Oahu. — SFC Wayne T. Iha



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4 A member of the 82nd Airborne Division watches members of his division land at Charleston AFB.— Senior Airman D. Myles Cullen, USAF



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5 A self-propelled howitzer of Btry. A, 2nd Bn., 3rd FA, fires an illumination round to deter smugglers from operating in the U.S. sector of Kosovo.— SGT Bryan Davis



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6 A color guard from the 3rd U.S. Inf. (The Old Guard) marches across the runway during Armed Forces Day ceremonies at Andrews AFB, Md. — SSG John Valceanu

7 CPT Ivy Williams (left) plays basketball with Dion Blanton outside the Boys and Girls Club Neighborhood House of Leavenworth, Kan. Students from the Command and General Staff College volunteer at the house as part of the CGSC's "Service to the Nation" program. — Prudence Siebert



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1 A 1st Armd. Div. soldier serving in Kosovo befriends two Kosovar boys during a patrol along the Serbian border. — SSG Cassandra Shafer-Billingsley

2 SSG Howard Holt, soldier in the National Guard's 29th Inf. Div., looks into the face of an Army ranger statue at the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Va. — MSG Bob Haskell

3 SGT David Adams and other members of the 500th MP Det. approach a house during a training exercise at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. — Prudence Siebert

4 Reservists from the 225th Engr. Group work on a structure at the Hohenfels, Germany, MOUT site. — Michael Tolzman

5 SPC Nicholas Oliver of the Vicenza, Italy-based Southern European Task Force blows air into his BDU top during drown-proofing training. — SSG Craig DeBourbon



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6 SFC Noel Rivera pulls together static lines aboard a C-17 after a mass 82nd Abn. Div. jump over Charleston AFB, S.C. — Staff Sgt. Cecilio M. Ricardo Jr., USAF

7 Lt. Col. Raghu Akell, an Indian officer attending the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., plays in the snow with his son, Partha. — Prudence Seibert

8 PFC Cesar Sanchez walks along the concertina wire protecting his company's area during Exercise Grecian Firebolt at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. — SSG Tim Volkert

9 Two French children join American soldiers in saluting the colors during a ceremony in Bruyeres, France. — Ellen A. Hart



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1 The images of members of the Army Reserve's 85th Div. Band reflect off a tuba as the soldiers line up before a performance. — SPC Tory Atherton

2 PV2 Jonathan Miller helps camouflage SPC Chadwick Paul before the 82nd Abn. Div. soldiers joined a patrol along the Kosovo-Serbia border. — SSG Cassandra Shafer-Billingsley

3 SFC Jeff Hegarty, SSG Michael Busick, SSG Heidi Platero and MAJ Joe Melicher pose for a photo during their 505-mile ride across Iowa. — CPT Lee Zimmerman

4 Louisiana Army Guard soldiers patiently wait to outprocess following training at Fort Irwin, Calif. — SPC Randall Beaver

5 SGT Eileen I. Bonilla keeps an eye on her compass during land-navigation training at Fort Meade, Md. — Paul Haring



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6 Army Reserve engineers build an addition to the MOUT site at Hohenfels, Germany. — Michael Tolzman

7 A member of the 325th Inf. waits for his turn to jump from a C-17 Globemaster. — Staff Sgt. Cecilio M. Ricardo Jr., USAF

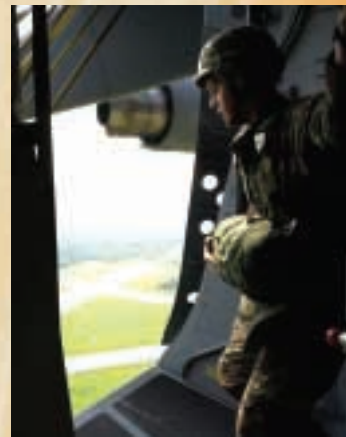
8 An 82nd Abn. Div. soldier guides his parachute to the ground at Charleston AFB, S.C. — Staff Sgt. Jeremy T. Lock, USAF

9 CH-47 crewmember SGT Rick Almaguer stays afloat during survival training at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. — 2LT Evelyn A. Burns

10 The rising sun highlights the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. — Michael N. Curtis



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1 CPL John Kelley of the New Jersey Guard's 114th Inf. sets his eyes on the objective during training. — SPC Bryan Woolston

2 Wisconsin National Guard soldiers test their protective masks during training at Fort McCoy, Wis. — Rob Schuette

3 Newly promoted SSG Jim Hendrikson gets a "welcome to the rank" shower from fellow 5th Cav. soldiers at Fort Hood, Texas. — SGT Walter Challapa

4 Ian Phillips comes up for air during early morning swim team practice at Fort Myer, Va. — Paul Haring

5 PFC Wilson Rawlings of the 69th Sig. Co. lays wire into a trench as SPC Jonah Kaimuloa digs ahead of him. — SSG Tim Volkert

6 CSM Curtis Sisby of 2nd Bde., 85th Div., at Fort McCoy, Wis., helps his daughter replace a water pump. — Rob Schuette



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7 Soldiers of Co. B, 210th Fwd. Spt. Bn., ready their equipment before an early morning patrol at Fort Polk, La. — SPC Michael Corwin

8 A German tank is ferried across the Elbe River on a raft made from bridge bays by the Army's 502nd Engr. Co. — Anne M. Kelley

9 Soldiers respond to a simulated chemical spill during a force-protection exercise at Fort McCoy, Wis. — Rob Schuette

10 SFC Christopher Richter takes his oath of reenlistment from his father, LTC Edwin Richter (Ret.) at the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. — Mannie Garcia

11 Initial-entry training soldiers from Co. B, 222nd Avn. Regt., unfurl the flag during 4th of July ceremonies at Fort Eustis, Va. — SFC Robin Di Carlo



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- 1 SPC Darryl Williams of the Louisiana Army Guard takes a lunch break at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif. — Renee McElveen
- 2 SGT Pedro Rivera of the 320th Engr. Co. prints maps of Kosovo on a Heidelberg press in Grossauheim, Germany. — Anne M. Klein
- 3 SGT Sean Hawkins of the 325th Inf. Regt. spots targets for a Russian army sniper during joint training in Kosovska Kamenica, Kosovo. — SSG Cassandra Shafer-Billingsley
- 4 The Army's "Rock Wall" was a big attraction during the NBA's Hoop-It-Up Tournament in Costa Mesa, Calif. — Sharon Mulligan
- 5 SGT Mark Burmeister's son, Ryan, wears his father's beret during a deployment ceremony for the Maryland Army Guard's 290th MP Co. — MAJ Wayne Morse





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6 Jack Tagawa (center), a veteran of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, helps lay a wreath during a memorial ceremony in Bruyeres, France. — Ellen A. Hart

7 Soldiers from the 1st Bde., 82nd Abn. Div., complete the last part of a 12-mile road march during Expert Infantry Badge qualifications. — PVT Emma Hayes

8 Army recruiters SGTs Robert Rodriguez and Lorraine Zambrano greet guests during Army Community Appreciation Day in San Diego, Calif. — Sharon Mulligan

9 Humvees line up during a change-of-command ceremony at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. — Michael N. Curtis

10 Bob Bon the Clown paints a child's face during the Army Community Appreciation Day in San Diego. — Sharon Mulligan



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1 SPC Michael Contreras of the 269th Sig. Co. guards the entrance to the 40th Sig. Bn. site during Exercise Grecian Firebolt. — SSG Tim Volkert

2 SGT Scott Doughty does his best during the U.S. Biathlon Team trials in Lake Placid, N.Y. — SSG Rob Trubia

3 SGTs Heather Buie (front) and Panisha Bruns slice tissue samples for study by a pathologist at Dewitt Army Community Hospital at Fort Belvoir, Va. — SPC Ann Gonzales

4 Three Kosovar girls sit in front of a pro-U.S. sign painted on a building in Gjilan, Kosovo. — SSG Cassandra Shafer-Billingsley

5 SFC Tony Pignato applies camouflage to Scott Eyre, pitcher for the Syracuse Sky Chiefs baseball team during the team's Armed Forces Celebration. — Mike Murk



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